

means [(1) for controlling the transmission of said current frame synchronization signal into said a bitstream based upon said information.

19. (Amended) An apparatus [Apparatus] as claimed in claim 18, wherein said information comprises phase drift information and wherein the controlling means are arranged to adjust the transmissions of said recurrent frame synchronization signal with the purpose of eliminating said frame drift.

20. (Amended) An apparatus [Apparatus] as claimed in claim 18 [or 19], wherein said means for controlling the transmission of said recurrent frame synchronization information comprises means for adjusting the size of one or more frames of said [a] bitstream.

21. (Amended) An apparatus [Apparatus] as claimed in claim 20, wherein said means for controlling the transmission of said recurrent frame synchronization information comprises means for adjusting the number of slots provided within said one or [of] more frames of said [a] bitstream.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending. Claims 4, 8, 10, 11, 19, 20, and 21 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors. Claims 14 and 18 have been amended to delete reference numbers in parenthesis. Claims 3, 5, 6, 12, 16, and 20 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. Thus, no charge for multiple dependent claims should be made in calculating the filing fee. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

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